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"defined per se," *i. e.*, "*defined as it really is.*" Now *the words* "not per se" have two meanings. In the first of these *the fault in the definition springs* from *the* addition *of words denoting a thing to the predicate of a proposed definition of an attribute of that thing*, in the second *it does* not *spring from this source but from quite a different one.* In *an alleged definition of* the first *type, the definition is faulty* because *words denoting the thing* itself *are* attached *as a predicate* to something else, which *latter* is *to be* defined — *this* for example *would be the case*, if, in defining the conceptual being of "white," one were to give a definition of "white man." In *an alleged definition of* the second *type, the definition is faulty* because to *words denoting the thing* itself something else is attached *as a predicate*, as, for example, if "X" denotes "white man" and one define "X" as "white." The *object* then *denoted by* "white man" is indeed white, *its* conceptual being, however, is not that of "white" but that of "X." Is, then, *the latter* a true concept of some thing at all? No; for the conceptual being is the conceptual equivalent of some thing, but when we have one *element* qualified by another, *the resulting complex* is not the conceptual equivalent of a "this" thing, *i. e.*, *of an individual, unitary thing* — provided only that the "this," *i. e.*, *individuality, unity*, be found in realities. *That it is so found I have just shown* (*2. 3. 1029 a 27–8*), *and that the object which I have designated as "X," "white man," is a reality I have assumed* (*ibid., a 33–4*), *Since the phrase "white man" is a complex, it does not define the unitary object "per se," i. e., "as it really is,"* — *the content to thought of the phrase "white man" is different from that of the object, and its use as the predicate of a proposed definition is an attaching to the thing itself of a predicate different from it. It belongs then to the second of the types of faulty definition above described.*

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